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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2182**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takuya ISHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2182

Application No.: 09/787,077

Examiner: A. Casiano

Filed: March 14, 2001

Docket No.: 108108

For: DATA TRANSFER CONTROL DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR
PERFORMING DATA TRANSFER BETWEEN A PLURALITY OF NODES THAT
ARE CONNECTED TO A BUS (AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 5, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,219,697 (hereinafter "Lawande") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,108,718 (hereinafter "Fujimori") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,724,517 (hereinafter "Cook").

Claims 4-9, 13, 16, 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lawande in view of Fujimori and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,304,553 (hereinafter "Gehman").

These rejections are respectfully traversed.